

REMARKS

Claims 7-18 were pending in the application when the Office Action was mailed on August 8, 2007. The Office Action rejected claims 7-18. Applicant has amended claim 7. Applicant has not added any claims and has canceled claims 11-18. Accordingly, claims 7-10 remain pending.

As a preliminary matter, applicant requests the Examiner to change the attorney docket number corresponding to this application. It is now 320528643US00. Applicant is submitting herewith a new Power of Attorney.

The Office Action rejected claims 7-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Yoshida et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,764,610). Applicant has canceled claims 11-18 to focus further prosecution. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Although applicant disagrees with the rejection of claims 7-10, applicant has amended them to recite "accessing synchronous data from a predetermined range of the optical storage medium; [and] configuring a clock frequency of a PLL at a rate based on the accessed synchronous data to enable further data to be read from the optical storage medium." Applicant's technology configures the PLL clock frequency based on synchronous data that is stored in the optical storage medium. The PLL clock frequency is then used to determine the optical storage medium type. Applicant's technology can then read data from the optical storage medium correctly. In contrast, Yoshida employs a preexisting wobble signal stored on the optical disk to determine the optical disk type. Thus, Yoshida does not configure a clock frequency based on data stored on the optical disk. Therefore, Yoshida does not teach each and every element of claims 7-10 and so applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejected claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Yoshida in view of U.S. Patent. No. 5,381,392 ("Hira"). Applicants are unable to find anything in Hira teaching or suggesting the features added in this response.

Based on these amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request early allowance of this application. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 359-6478.

Please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 320528643US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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